GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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HOUSE ENTERED IN NATIONAL REGISTER

Some of you that get the "Central Valley Times" may be aware that the Anderson House at 719 Second Avenue has been accepted by the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation, to be forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places in Washington D.C..

Linda Genaw did the research for the Allen's who presently own the house. It took her over a year to research and complete the application.

The application has 11 parts to complete, the first being the name of property, historic or other names.

Part two is the complete location of the property; part three is the classification of the property, whether it is a private or public building, or site. Part four and five are completed by the State/Federal Agency, when the application is accepted. Part six is its function or use. Part seven is the physical description. Part eight is the statement of significance. Part nine is for your bibliography. Part ten is the Geographical data, size of property zone, verbal boundary, and boundary justification. Part 11 is who prepared the form.

For a home to be included on the National Register of Historic Places, you must include 8 X 10's, and either 3 X 5' or 5 X 7' archival black and white photographs from the outside to the inside of the property. The back of each photo must include the name of the property, who owns it and the location of the negative for the picture.

You must also include colored slides of the property, labeled the same way. Pictures must be numbered in a sequential manner, from outside to inside the house, and labeled as above. A narrative has to accompany the slides which tells which direction the camera was aimed and which elevation (side) of the house is showing in the photograph.

The house must also be drawn to scale, and on the drawing you have to show where you were standing when you took the said photograph.

Part seven is the section where you describe the architectural style of your property, whether it has double hung windows or transoms above the doors, etc.

In section eight, you have to tell what makes your house worthy of being considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, whether it was designed by an outstanding architect, or if some famous person lived there.

In order to provide information to the nomination committee about your nomination, you have to include a well documented bibliography.

If you are interested in getting your house on the register, you can write to the:

State Historic Preservation Office
Parks and Recreation Division
525 Trade Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97310

Or you may want to ask Linda when she finishes working with the T.A.G. kids with the Hanby nomination application.

by Linda Morehouse Genaw

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MEMBER PROFILE

by Janet Sessions

Virginia Plummer:

Virginia Plummer, nee Kaczmark, was born in Poland on June 22, 1909. She immigrated to the United states in 1912 when her family paid a total of $50 fare for three family members to travel steerage from Germany to New York. Only three years old at the time, Virginia can still remember the swinging hammocks used for beds on board ship. A memory from the Ellis Island immigrant check point is of the use of shoe button hooks to pull eyelids up as medical personnel checked for eye disease.

As a youngster Virginia attended several schools, mainly in the Saginaw, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois areas. After business school she went on to hold many interesting secretarial jobs - during the Roosevelt years she was once appointed Assistant Executive Secretary to the first U.S. Housing Administration office.

Her 18 years as a real estate broker took place right here in Gold Hill. The building which currently houses Maryanna's Cafe was originally built as Mrs. Plummer's real estate office.

Helping young families to buy their first home was a special joy to her, because she's always felt that pride of ownership carried over to help the young couple become more responsible, better all-around citizens.

She became a WWII widow when husband Thomas Stevens was killed in 1943.

Handsome Charley Plummer became her husband in 1946. The newlyweds came from San Pedro, California, to Medford for their honeymoon, but that August welcomed them with a blistering 115 degree record-breaking heat wave. After that experience it took the new Mrs. Plummer ten long years to convince her Charley to move to the area. Their first Gold HIll home was on Lampman Road.

Daughters Yvonne and Chryss were already mature young ladies when 40-year-old Virginia gave birth to son Jim. A renowned drag racer, he was third in the nation when he met his death, at age 29, during a 1978 race.

Virginia counts her family as her most important achievement, but is also proud of her work toward stopping a pulp mill from locating upriver from her beautiful Gold Hill.

Future plans are numerous; soon she will attend her grandson's college graduation in Vermont (all three of her own children were college graduates), then hopefully a fourth trip to her native land will take place, preferably traveling by freighter.

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If you would like to help us preserve the rich history of Gold Hill and the surrounding area, receive the historical society newsletter, and other fun stuff, complete the form below and return it with your $5.00 check or money order for a Family Membership to:

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Sign up sheets were passed out at the February meeting to members so they could volunteer to take oral histories, and provide refreshments for upcoming meetings.

If you want to volunteer to do any oral histories, please contact Cindy Faubion for information and supplies for doing them. 773-9520

If you want to sign up for refreshments, contact Crayetta Armstrong at 855-7903.

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A motion was made by Janet to pay for the officers' memberships with the Oregon Historical Society. We plan on earning the money through a bake sale to defer the cost of the five memberships.

Having these five memberships will help us meet the 15 membership requirement for affiliation with O.H.S.. This therefore insures us that we will receive a portion of the county historical funds.

Clare Moore and Linda Genaw had already paid their O.H.S. dues, so they donated their membership dues as gifts for two members.

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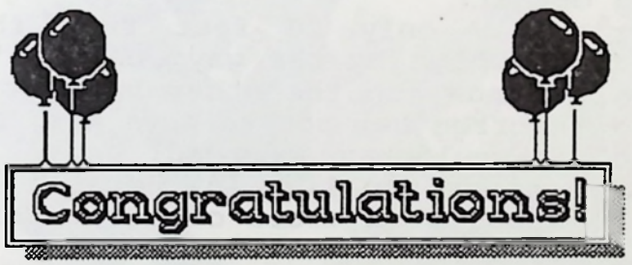

The Gold Hill Library is having their 75th anniversary this May. Many activities are planned for May 1st, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m..

Local historian and author, Linda Genaw will give a talk on the history of Gold Hill at 4:00 p.m..

Mrs. Lancaster has invited several other local authors to bring their books and give talks.

This sounds like an interesting event. Hope you all make it up to the library.

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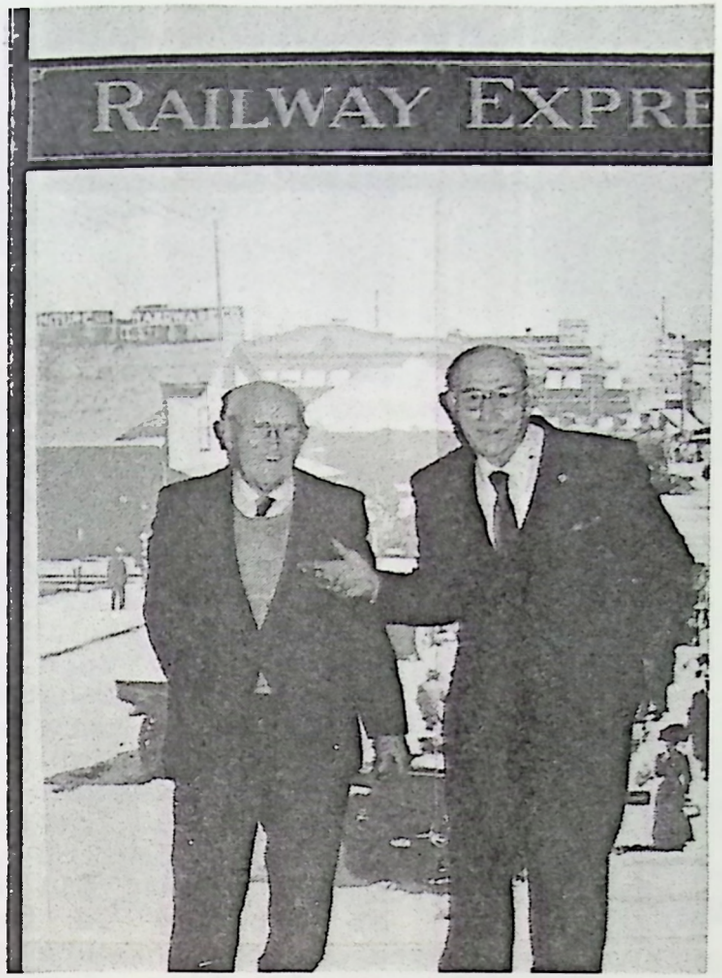

Earl (L) & LaRue (R) Morris at the S.O.H.S. Grand Opening
Photo By Cindy Faubion

Six of our members attended the S.O.H.S's grand opening. The following attended: Bill and Cindy Faubion, Janet and Jerry Sessions, and LaRue and Earl Morris.

We heard that the turnout was great. We wish the S.O.H.S good luck in their new location.

Janet Sessions (L) & President Cindy Faubion (R)
Photo by Bill Faubion

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

To our members,

I would like to extend a personal welcome to all our new historical society members. Thank you for joining us in our preservation efforts concerning Gold Hill's valuable and interesting past.

Special thanks to our many returning members. It is through your continued support that we are able to accomplish the many tasks that we set our collective sights toward.

I am very pleased to inform you that as of March 1st, 1990 we have a building for the Gold Hill Historical Society to use as its new meeting place and work area. It is located at 165 4th Street, which is part of the large, brick building that is also home to the Gold Hill Market.

The space inside is rather limited, but we view this location as a temporary residence. There will be a great deal of activity in the following months as our volunteers prepare our new location for a dedication ceremony and grand opening.

One of the many goals we have set this year is to have each member try to do one oral history. If you would like to learn more about this, please contact us at 855-9351.

Please feel free to send in your comments or suggestions during the year ahead. I wholeheartedly welcome your participation.

Cindy Faubion, President

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If you are interested in making a bid to tear down the PP&L brick building (7845 First Avenue) please contact Cindy Faubion at 773-9520 for information.

Brick used in the old building was probably hand pressed at the Dardanelles. The building was constructed with lime mortar, so clean- up of these antique bricks will be easy.

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Janet's research on the Justice Court is coming along nicely, now that she has located the Commissioner's Journals.

Our expert researcher, Linda Genaw, told her she would find the Journals in the Jackson County Clerk's records.

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Tom Cushman came up with the bright idea to check with Mrs. Barker to see if some of the students from Hanby would be interested in keeping our scrapbook current.

Tom has reported back that we have a couple of volunteers to do just that.

This is a wonderful way of getting the young people involved with the historical society.

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WHO SAYS HISTORY ISN'T EXCITING?

Monday, while Linda was working with Aric Genaw, Amanda Huffman, and Jeremy Warren, the Talented and Gifted students from Hanby, they had a hair raising experience!!!!!!!

While taking slides for the nomination application of Hanby, they ran into a cat! Not just your run of the mill house cat mind you, a great big Cougar!

Aric was only 20 feet from the cougar, which by the way, he didn't see. Linda, on the other hand, was too far from her son to save him, if the cat would have pounced!

Any of you who live in the area of Hanby should be aware of a mountain lion this close to the city.

The nomination is progressing very well. The students have already drawn the school to scale, taken slides, gone on several field trips, interviewed five people, and sent out questionnaires to former students and teachers. They have also put articles in the local newspapers asking for information and photographs.

These young historians should be commended for all their hard work. If you can help them contact Linda Genaw at: 855-7260.

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With our new building comes the need for various furniture and office supplies. If you can donate any of the following items, please give us a call, phone 855-9351, at your earliest convienience. Your donated will be greatly appreciated.

small office office desk
file cabinets
wall shelving
dark room equipment
conference/work table
folding chairs
bookcases
interior door
siding office supplies
interior paint
your muscle power and/or expertise

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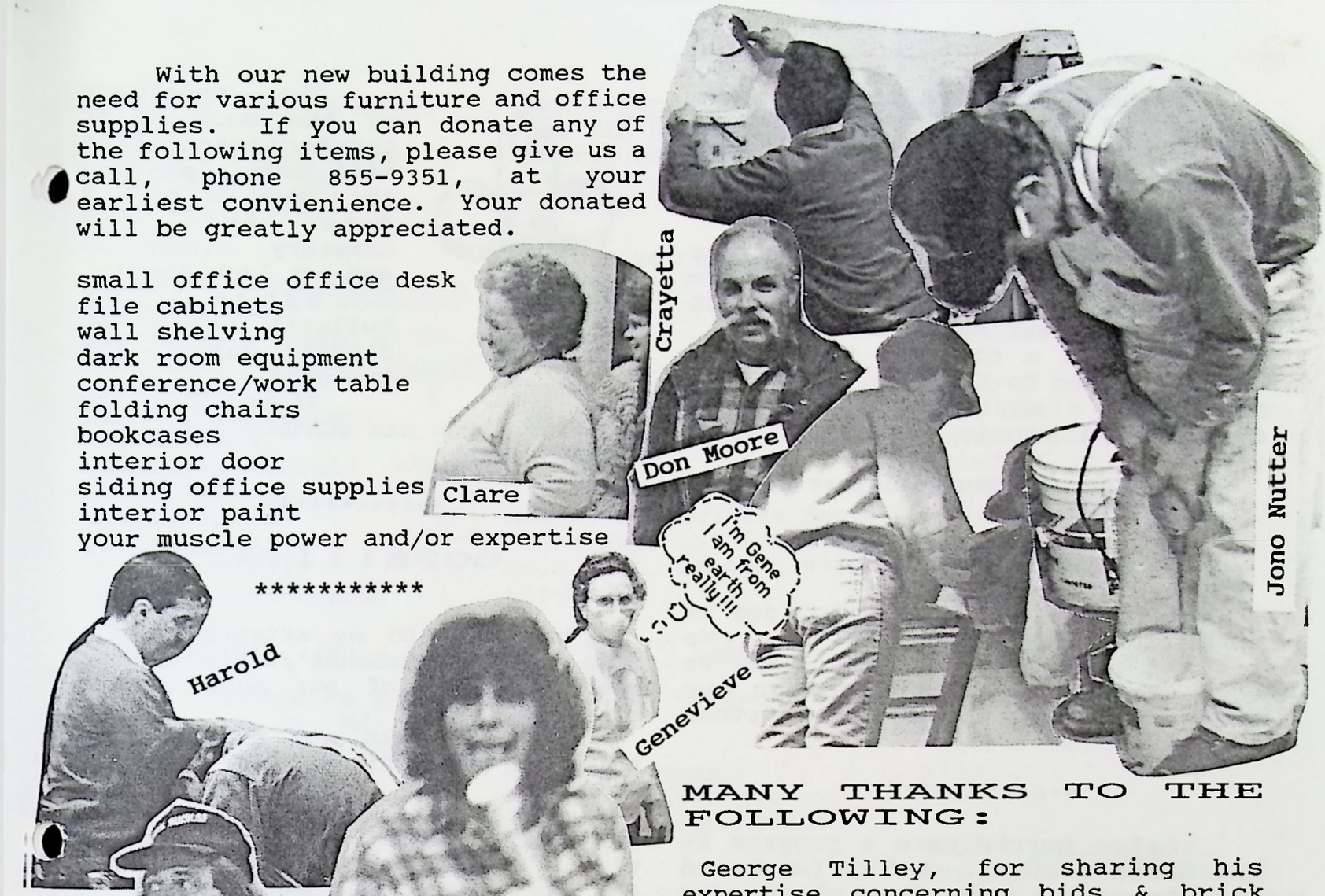

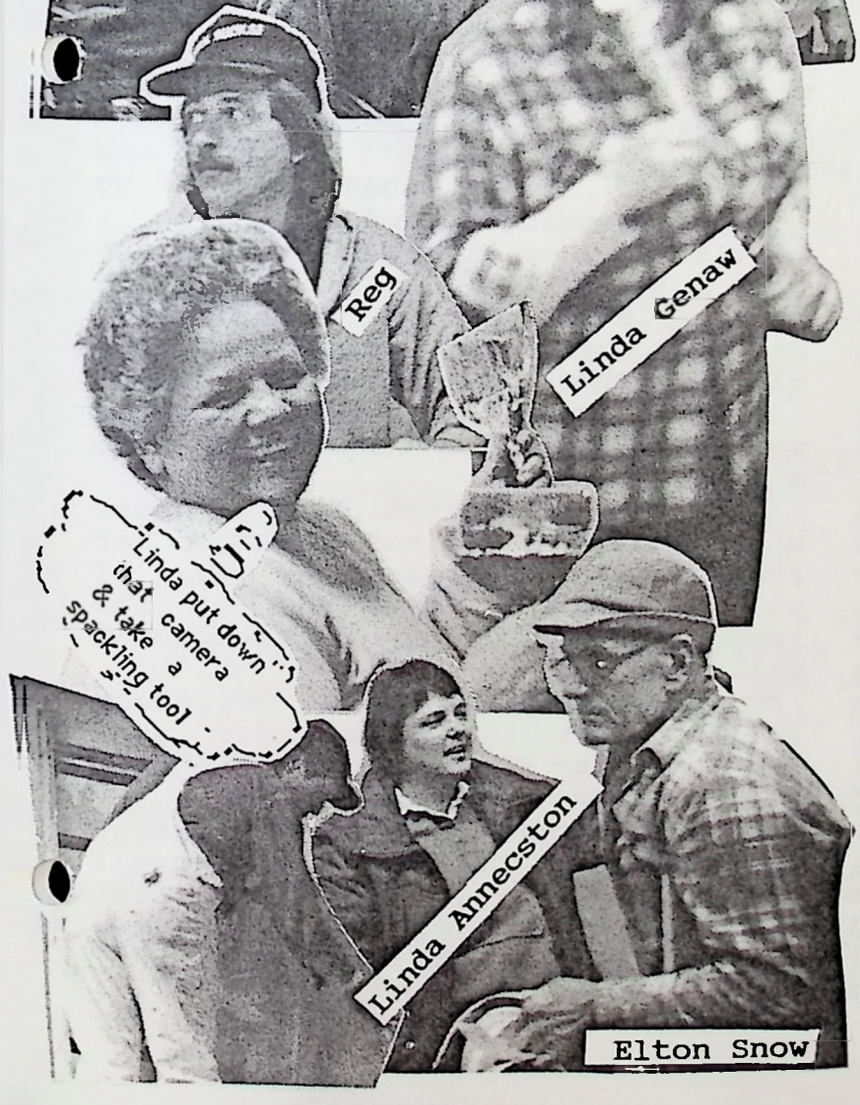

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

George Tilley, for sharing his expertise concerning bids & brick making.

Ida Tilley, for donating an answering machine and sink.

Ted & Armella Wharton for the carpeting, folding chairs, and cement work. Ted also donated a beautiful antique oak office chair, that his father used while he was editor of the "Gold Hill News" from 1917 to 1926.

Special thanks to Jono Nutter, Donnie Setterly and Reg Genaw for the many hours they spent after work and on Saturdays getting the new office in shape.

Art and Mary Lou Campbell, and Jerry and Janet Sessions for the folding chairs.

Other people that worked on the building March 10 were: Harold and Linda Annecston, Reg and Linda Genaw, Elvin Snow, Genevieve Heil, Clare Moore, Crayetta Armstrong, & Jono Nutter. Don Moore, Ted Wharton and Beatrice Snow also poked their heads in and gave moral support.

We held our first meeting in our new office at 165 4th St. March 20, 1990. The meeting was one of the best attended meetings we have had so far. There were 16 members in attendance.

There was a discussion about the houses that are for sale in town. We are serious about finding a permanent location for our headquarters.

We need a chairman to head up the committee to find a place. If we don't get a museum site soon, the available historic places will be gone!

Please someone volunteer to head up this committee.

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Alyce Bottleson has provided us with information on the fair. We will be attending this year, and we need people to sign up to man our booth. Stay tuned for further details.

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LaRue Morris gave a program at the March meeting. Before he shared his treasures, he thanked us for starting the Gold Hill Historical Society. He reminded us that Central Point, Medford, or Jacksonville do not have a historical society of their own.

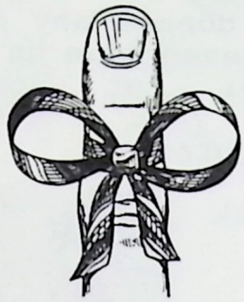
He gave a special thanks to Linda Genaw for all of her hard work as a historian.

LaRue brought some very unique items to share. He brought a 1907 folding hanger with a leather case, for traveling salesmen. He also had a wood fiddle case with Chinese gold scales inside. LaRue shared many photographs from his youth.

He was a Golden Glove heavy weight champion. He would have fought Joe Lewis, except Lewis was in the welter weight class at the time. Morris was also a star football player for the University of Illinois.

He shared stories about railroading, mining, teaching, his friendship with Amelia Earhart and several other interesting stories.

We salute this interesting man. Thank You, LaRue.



The president of the Rock Point Cemetery Association will have a meeting this week to pick a date for the cemetery clean up and pot luck picnic.

Watch the bulletin board at Steve's Market for the date.

If you have any questions, you can contact Bob Evans at: 855-1686

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OOPS!!!!!

It has come to my attention that some of the husbands'/wives' names were left off of our most recent roster.

I will not make any excuses for this. I will gut up and take the blame.

I won't tell you that while I was typing the roster, I looked out the window, and saw my dog running down the road with my clothesline tangled around his leg. I won't get into how distracted I was when I saw my laundry dragging behind him!

You won't even hear the lame excuse that I had to stop in the middle of the newsletter to untie the cupboard, and let Logan out, because his two older brothers had locked him in.

I won't even tell you about burning my biscuits, and setting off my fire alarm.

These minor interruptions in a house wife's life should not distract her from doing a professional job. I will, therefore, take all of the responsibility for any unintentional mistakes.

This newsletter is a volunteer effort. It is written for your enjoyment, to keep you up on the news of our society and its members.

As you know we offer family memberships. Instead of listing all family members, I will just list husbands' and wives' names to save space. Here is your new roster.

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